

systems serve an ayacut of 13.8 lakh acres in Krishna Delta and ayacut of 10.3 lakh acres in Godavari Delta. The failure of above said drainage systems to accommodate the heavy rainfall caused devastating loss. The State Government has requested in its Memorandum for an assistance of Rs. 5000.00 crore for modernization of Krishna and Godavari Delta canal and drainage systems.

The Government of India has released to the State of Andhra Pradesh an amount of Rs. 400.00 crore comprising Rs. 200.00 crore as advance release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the years 2006-07 & 2007-08 and Rs. 200.00 crore on an 'on account' basis from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to enable the State to undertake relief operations in the areas affected by heavy rains/floods during 2006. Earlier, the 1st instalment of Central share of CRF, amounting to Rs. 135.48 crore, has been released to the State Government on 2nd June 2006.

(c) No such report has been received from the State Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of security cover of separatist leaders of J&K

†1579. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leaders of separatist organizations of Jammu and Kashmir are provided full security cover; if so, the names and designations of such leaders;

(b) the number of those separatist organizations operating in Jammu and Kashmir at present which are opposing the deployment of Army in Kashmir and are demanding liberation of Kashmir from India;

(c) the year-wise amount Government spend on their security;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to withdraw their security cover; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per information available, the

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir have provided security to Molvi Mohammad Umar Farooq, Molvi Abbas Ansari, Prof. Ab. Gani Bhat, Shri Bilal Lone, Shri Saleem Geelani—all leaders of Air Party Hurriyat Conference (A) and Shri Sajjad Gani Lone of Peoples' Conference.

(b) All the separatist groups in the State are opposed to the deployment of Army in the State and some are demanding secession of Kashmir from India.

(c) The expenditure on this account is incurred by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(d) Security to these leaders is provided by the State Government and it is for the State Government to review it.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Implementation of Arbitration Award in office of RGI

1580. SHRI K CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Arbitration Award No. 1/98 dated 18th October, 1998 in respect of Pay Scale of Computers in the Department of Registrar General of India under the Scheme of JCM and Compulsory Arbitration has been implemented;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement this award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) In accordance with the provisions in the scheme of Joint Consultative Machinery and Compulsory Arbitration, the Committee of Secretaries had considered the Award of the Board of Arbitration and decided to recommend its rejection in the interest of the national economy and social justice. The Government has accepted the recommendation of the Committee of Secretaries and moved for approval of the same in both the Houses of Parliament.